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Note verbale dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

The Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), and has the honour to submit herewith the report of the Government of Malta on the implementation of the aforementioned resolution (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 19 of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), Malta submits the following report on the steps it has taken with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of this resolution.

National context

Malta has implemented United Nations Security Council resolution 1737 (2006) by transposing the relevant provisions of this resolution into national law through Legal Notice 14 of 2007,* entitled "United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulations, 2007". This Legal Notice was published on 31 January 2007 in the supplement to the Government Gazette No. 18,028.

European Union context

In its conclusions adopted on 22 January 2007, the Council of the European Union welcomed the measures in resolution 1737 (2006) and called on all countries to implement the measures in full and without delay. Ministers agreed that the EU should prevent the export to and import from Iran of the goods on the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Missile Technology Control Regime lists; ban transactions with and freeze the assets of individuals and entities covered by the criteria in Security Council resolution 1737 (2006); and take measures to prevent Iranian nationals from studying proliferation sensitive subjects within the EU.

The EU immediately initiated the preparation of legal instruments implementing the provisions of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006). On 12 February 2007 the Council politically endorsed a draft Common Position concerning restrictive measures against Iran. Preparations are moreover under way to adopt without delay a Council Regulation.

* The statutory instrument referred to in the communication is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation.